Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Cecil Woodrow Nelson was born on January 28, 1915, to Charles and Cordelia Nelson; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Cecil, more affectionately known as "Teet", married Thelma Sanmark on July 22, 1936, and to that union three children were born: Shirley, Sharon, and David; and,

Whereas, The entrepreneurial spirit and hard work ethic were instilled in him at an early age because of the economic times, and for many years he worked the land as a farmer enjoying the good times and suffering with the bad. In the summer of 1960, he purchased a gas station and a liquor store where his entrepreneurial spirit, hard work, and love for his fellow man have meant a great deal to the communities and people he touched; and,

Whereas, Cecil married Dakota on September 29, 1990; and,

Whereas, During all the years of hard work and into retirement, Cecil has received enjoyment from hobbies, such as woodworking, gardening and catching 10-pound walleyes; and,

Whereas, Cecil will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather in Lead, South Dakota, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2004, as

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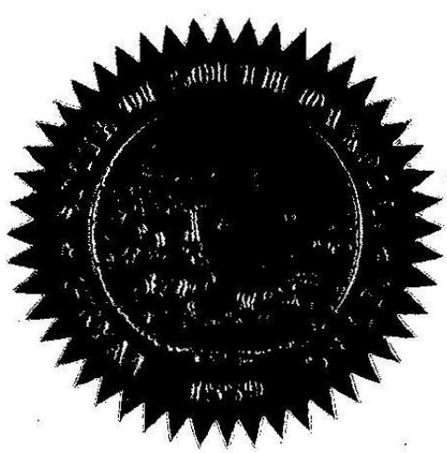
in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State